Admission of displaced Kashmiri students

2934. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA;

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether students from Jammu and Kashmir state have requested Government to lower the eligibility criteria for various professional courses in different universities, for their admission;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the Government's reaction thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b)' The Department of Education had received some representations from the organisations of Kashmiri Migrants for providing certain concessions to Kashmiri Migrant Students 'for admissions in professional courses such as Medical/Eng!neering/BDS7BVSc ./MBA etc.

(c) TXepartment of Education has asked Central Universities to extend the following concessions to Kashmiri Migrant Students:

(a) extension in date of admission;

(b) relaxation in cut-off percentage;

(c) increase in intake capacity to accomodate Kashmir Migrant Students; and

(d) allowing migrations to 2nd and 3rd year of under-graduate courses-

Supreme Court Judgement on Sanskrit education

2935. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the Judgement of Supreme Court in October, 1994 and the direction to the Central Government to the effect that Sanskrit be taught as an Optional Language;

(b) *it* so, what are the details of this judgement;

(c) what are the steps Government have taken in this regard;

(d) what is the timeframe therefor; and

(e) what other steps Government are taking to encourage Sanskrit education?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION, AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Hon'ble Supreme Court has in its judgement dated 4.10.94 directed the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) to include Sanskrit as an elective subject in the syllabus under consideration and to make necessary amendment in the syllabus within a period of three months. As per the 1975-76 Language Teaching Scheme of the CBSE, Sanskrit already enjoys the status of an elective subject and, therefore, the directive of the Hon'ble Supreme Court stands complied with. Further, the ORSE has issued au-other circular dated 13.12.1994 to all its affiliated schools reiterating that Sanskrit continues to be one of the elective languages in the Secondary School curriculum of the Board.